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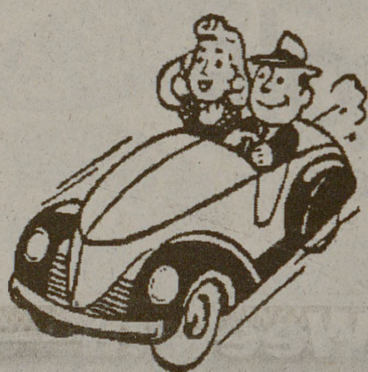
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THE BATTALION

Tuesday, September 4

## Classic Foods issues voluntary chili recall

FORT WORTH (AP) — Classic Foods issued a voluntary recall Monday of two batches of Sheriff Blaylock's Chili after an outbreak of botulism at a church supper in Sanger was linked to some of the chili.

The Fort Worth-based company said the recall involved two batches of chili made March 27.

The Texas Department of Health said the botulism outbreak was linked to the Sheriff Blaylock's chili purchased at Town Talk Salvage in Fort Worth.

Six members of a Sanger family who ate hot dogs and chili at the church supper were hospitalized. Others became ill but had milder symptoms.

Classic Foods said in a news release that the product being recalled carried establishment number 13516, batch numbers 10861 and 20861, production date March 27, 2001, and product code 500.

Classic Foods said it had notified distributors of the voluntary recall. People with any of the chili are asked to call 1-800-422-4454 for instructions on how to return the product.

Food-borne botulism is a serious bacterial illness caused by eating improperly cooked foods.

Botulism symptoms, which can occur as early as six hours or as late as 10 days after eating contaminated food, include

blurred vision, dry mouth, difficulty swallowing or speaking, general weakness and loss of interest in food, and difficulty breathing. It can progress to complete paralysis, respiratory failure and death.

TDH, Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service and health departments are cooperating to investigate.

TDH spokesman Dan McBride said they do not know how widespread the product was distributed.

But Pennsylvania Department of Health said Monday that some of the chili had been sent to

## Union leaders celebrate 140 years of hard work

HURST (AP) — The familiar smell of barbecue filled the UAW Local 218 hall Monday as union members filled their plates with brisket and slaw and talked about surviving tough economic times.

"You see one company hiring a bunch of people and another laying off a bunch of people," said Tim Smith, president of the Tarrant County Central Labor Council. "It affects everybody."

Union members around the state gathered to celebrate their holiday and talk about meeting future challenges, including declining membership.

Smith, a 22-year member of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers, touted \$3 million in federal grants for the 51 unions in Tarrant County.

"We're in a partnership to train," Smith said. "We retrain people in computer skills, upgrading the skills of the aging work force."

Though leaders are hopeful for the future, retirees who remember the old days fighting for better working conditions roll their eyes at Junior Baker called the "new generation" union worker.

"They've never had to really get down and fight for anything," said Baker, a union member since 1946 who wore a General Motors-embroidered baseball cap and cowboy boots.

Benefits like 40-hour work weeks and guaranteed vacation days are what most union members concentrate on when talking about the advantages of membership. But a rapidly changing economy whose growth is slowing also presents concerns.

"These are men and women faced with constant challenges in the workplace," state Sen. Mike Moncrief said in a short speech. "They're trying to prepare for the future, but as culture change occurs, it is very disconcerting."



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